

I URGE you not to relax these restrictions. Diversity of voices and viewpoints is essential to our democracy. It must not be sacrificed to the highest bidder. The trend is already toward dangerous concentration of media in the hands of a few. These few - from moguls like Rupert Murdoch to corporate conglomerates - are gaining the power to determine what we hear about and what we don't, to slant the news and manipulate opinion as they will. How on earth does the American public benefit from that?